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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: High, Cyber: High

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. **March 30, BBC** — Sabotage blamed for Georgian power blackout. A breakdown in the Georgian power grid has been caused by an act of sabotage, as a result of which the Kavkasioni power line was put out of action, according to experts. Electricity is supplied to Georgia from Russia along this power line. It has been established that one of three planted explosive devices went off under the power line not far from the village of Lekukhona in Gali District. The heads of the country's electricity service are at the site of the incident. The

power workers have asked the command of the CIS peacekeeping forces stationed in the Georgian–Abkhaz conflict zone for help in mine–clearing in the area where the blast took place. As a result of the measures taken, it has been possible to activate several reserve power lines and to reactivate a number of hydroelectric power stations. **Electricity is also coming from Armenia. In individual districts of Tbilisi the lights have already been switched back on, and supplies of drinking water restored.**

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3738806

2. *March 28, Reuters* — **Entergy to shut New York's Indian Point 3 nuke for refuel. Entergy Nuclear said Friday it would shut its 1,027 megawatt (MW) Indian Point 3 nuclear unit in Buchanan, New York by the end of the day for a planned refueling.** Electricity traders, who said they were surprised by the timing of the outage, predicted it would be shut until the end of April. The last time the unit shut for refueling it was down from April 27–May 24, 2001. The unit is on a 24–month fuel cycle. Power traders said they had not expected the plant to shut until the middle of April. **Jim Steets, a spokesman at Indian Point, said that in addition to refueling and routine maintenance, Entergy Nuclear would use the outage to inspect the unit's reactor vessel head.** The adjacent 951–MW Unit 2 continued to operate at full power.

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=373997

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

3. *March 31, New York Times* — **Allies' vital supply line now stretches into orbit.** Nine days before the war in Iraq began, the Air Force launched into orbit a one–ton, \$200 million satellite meant to speed communications between defense officials and battlefield commanders. It joined an orbital fleet that is quietly making this war different from all others. **Scores of satellites are providing coalition forces in Iraq with an invisible web of communications, guidance, reconnaissance, weather forecasting, missile warning, target acquisition and damage assessment.** The Persian Gulf war in 1991 drew heavily on spacecraft, experts agree. But in the dozen years since then, the American military's reliance on satellites has soared. The expanding fleet, officials and experts say, is now empowering dozens of new weapons and tactics on the battlefield. **And there is more to come. "We have 12 national–security space launches scheduled for 2003, compared to only one conducted in 2002," Peter B. Teets, Under Secretary of the Air Force, told the Senate Armed Services Committee on March 12.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/31/international/worldspecial/31TECH.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

4. *March 31, Detroit Free Press* — **Identity theft grows, but don't blame Internet.** If you're one of the many people who suspect the rise of online banking and shopping is to blame, think again. **Law enforcement experts say the vast majority of identity thefts still involve low-tech crime, such as stealing mail or dumpster diving for sensitive documents thrown out in the trash.** That doesn't mean you still shouldn't take precautions when using the Web for personal transactions. But the risk of someone intercepting your sensitive information over the Internet is much less than many folks think. People cite fear of identity theft and credit card fraud as one of the major reasons they won't shop online. The recently released UCLA Internet Report, a survey of 2000 adults, showed that fewer adults shopped on the Internet last year than before. Nine out of 10 people surveyed said they're concerned about how secure their personal information is when or if they buy online. **Yet studies show that in cases where victims knew how their identity was stolen, the No. 1 cause was having their purse or wallet swiped. Experts say in the rest of the cases, the majority of crooks get their information through a job or an insider connection. Buying or selling items online falls far down the list. If you're watching every number you type at your favorite online merchant but not keeping an eye on your belongings, those forms you fill out at the doctor's office or what you throw in the trash, you could be leaving yourself open to becoming the next victim.**
Source: http://www.freep.com/money/tech/newman31_20030331.htm

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Transportation Sector

5. *April 01, Washington Post* — **Chicago quietly closes lakefront airport.** The bulldozers showed up at Meigs Field in pitch darkness to rip up the runway, and **close forever Chicago's lakefront airport** — sparking an outcry from flying enthusiasts who considered it the nation's most important single-runway airport. **Mayor Richard M. Daley said Monday that while there have been no specific threats to the downtown area, he closed the airport to prevent an airborne terrorist attack against his city.** "We have done this to protect the millions of people who live, work and visit downtown Chicago in these very uncertain times," Daley said at a news conference. "With a sudden turn, [the planes that land there] could produce a terrible tragedy. That scares me. That scares people who work every day in the city of Chicago."
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A63428-2003Mar 31.html>
6. *April 01, Associated Press* — **Man tries to hijack plane in Cuba. A man claiming to have two grenades tried to hijack a passenger plane from Cuba's small Isle of Youth to the United States late Monday,** but was forced to land in Havana because of insufficient fuel. Cuban authorities were negotiating with the man, who was on board the grounded Soviet-made AN-24 plane along with 46 other people. At 1 a.m. EDT Tuesday, the twin-engine plane remained parked on the tarmac on a remote runway. A government statement said the plane was on a regular flight from the Isle of Youth's main city of Nueva Gerona when the pilot reported it was being hijacked to the United States by a man armed with grenades. **Cuban authorities blamed the hijacking attempt on what they called the lax treatment of six other suspected hijackers received last month after successfully forcing another passenger plane from Cuba to Key West at knifepoint.**
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A64193-2003Apr 1.html>

7. *March 31, Boston Globe* — **NYC transit aide speaks out.** The director of security for the city's public transportation system says he has uncovered corruption that has cost the transit agency millions of dollars and possibly undermined antiterrorism efforts, but he says agency officials have blocked efforts to investigate. **Over the past year, investigations into Metropolitan Transportation Authority contractors have revealed evidence of rigged bids, payoffs, and multimillion-dollar cost overruns, said Louis Anemone, MTA's deputy executive director and director of security. He said he feared that corruption involving contractors, who might have access to sensitive blueprints, could leave the agency vulnerable to terrorist attack.** But when he investigated, he and his deputy Nicholas Casale said, MTA officials refused to hand over records, ordered some investigations stopped, and even ordered that Casale be fired.

Source: http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/090/nation/NYC_transit_aide_speaks_out+.shtml

8. *March 31, CNN* — **Airports to take anti-missile measures.** New security measures will be put in place at several of the nation's leading airports to try to better protect against the threat of a shoulder-launched missile being fired at a plane taking off or landing, the FBI confirmed Sunday. Officials would not say where the extra measures will be put into place due to security concerns. Some steps being implemented include further restricting public access to airports and surrounding areas and increased patrols of airport perimeters. A government official emphasizes these measures are all precautionary and there are no specific threats to use such missiles, known as man portable air defense systems, at U.S. targets. "There is not a legitimate or credible [threat] on the horizon, but we are not going to wait for one" to take preventive action, the official told CNN. **Because of the attempt by terrorists to use a missile against an Israeli plane last November in Kenya, federal aviation, law enforcement and homeland security officials conducted an assessment of security at 80 airports across the United States looking at possible vulnerabilities. Security officials looked at such items as how close members of the public could get to runways and what land surrounded the airports.** After the initial assessment, federal officials then went back and did a more thorough examination of 20 of the bigger U.S. airports.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/TRAVEL/03/31/airports.missile.security/index.html>

9. *March 30, USA TODAY* — **US Airways may say farewell to Chapter 11 . Two major airlines moved closer to fixing some of their money problems over the weekend as a possible aid package for the industry took shape in the Senate. US Airways is expected to emerge Monday from a seven-month reorganization under a bankruptcy court's supervision.** It would be the first airline to complete a Chapter 11 restructuring since the Sept. 11 attacks. The federal government is guaranteeing \$900 million of a \$1 billion loan for the company. The airline has cut flying capacity by about a third since 2000 and cut operating costs, but kept its mainly East Coast route system intact. Still, reduced travel since the war with Iraq began has forced a temporary pay deferral of 5% for employees. Meanwhile, **American Airlines' pilots union Sunday offered a package of pay cuts and new work rules that could save that airline \$660 million a year.** American parent AMR, the nation's largest airline, is trying to cut \$1.8 billion a year in labor expenses in an attempt to avoid seeking bankruptcy court protection itself. The industry is pleading for as much as \$4 billion in federal aid to cover security and insurance costs. **But the airlines' aid campaign took a public relations hit last week after disclosures that several carriers paid their top executives millions of dollars in**

compensation in 2002 while they were losing money and eliminating jobs. Delta Air Lines, for example, which lost \$1.3 billion last year, awarded \$17.3 million in executive bonuses and set aside \$25 million more for executive pensions in case Delta goes bankrupt. **Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, (R-AZ) told reporters last week he's "angry" about the pay packages and threatened to insert legislative language requiring airline executives to forgo raises in exchange for aid.**

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/money/biztravel/2003-03-30-airaid_x.htm

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Postal and Shipping Sector

10. *March 31, Erie Times–News* — **Weather, war create shipping headaches.** As director of international operations for an Erie, PA freight forwarding company, Gretchen Seth routinely solves problems involving border tie-ups, canceled flights, and changing trade laws. But with war under way in Iraq, commercial airline companies in financial trouble, and homeland security tighter, Seth is confronting a list of troubles unlike any other in her career. **Tighter patrols are holding up some shipments at the U.S.–Canadian border for hours. International shipping routes have been disrupted because of the war. And some airlines are considering slapping expensive war–risk surcharges on cargo destined for countries in the Persian Gulf. For companies that rely heavily on foreign trade to pay the bills, it all adds up to a logistical mess.** "All along, the airlines and the steamship lines were predicting no disruptions outside of the Middle East," Seth said of what she heard before war broke out in Iraq earlier this month. "That has proven to be 100 percent untrue."

Source: <http://goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?Site=GE1GERef=AR>

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Agriculture Sector

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Food Sector

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Water Sector

11. *March 30, Gannett News Service* — **Microchip would alert authorities of water poisoning.** Researchers in New York are developing a microchip that immediately would alert authorities when biological and chemical contaminants are dumped into a drinking water supply. If nerve agents or disease-causing bacteria were introduced into a reservoir, the dime-sized computer chip would measure the disruptions caused by the particles in a laser

beam passed through the water. **The microchips are expected to be on the market next year and available for commercial applications.**

Source: <http://www.theolympian.com/home/news/20030330/frontpage/32814.shtml>

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Public Health Sector

12. *March 31, Vancouver Sun* — **Study finds biological weapons could be released from an aircraft. The same rudimentary crop-dusting techniques used to kill gypsy moths in Victoria, Canada four years ago could be used by terrorists to spread anthrax and other biological weapons, researchers at the University of Victoria (UVIC) say.** David Levin and Dr. Giovana Valadares de Amorim say their findings run contrary to the claims of some analysts, who have argued that terrorists would need sophisticated and expensive equipment to launch an anthrax attack. In a report the UVIC researchers say the extent of human exposure to bacteria used in the gypsy moth program shows just how feasible it would be for terrorists to spray a city with anthrax. **The gypsy moth spray program used a bacterium that is closely related to anthrax, and extensive testing done in 1999 revealed that the spores entered people's homes and nasal passages.**

Source: <http://www.canada.com/vancouver/news/story.asp?id=%7BB86E2BB7-64A6-49D3-809B-C41BE391C8F8%7D>

13. *March 31, itv.com* — **SARS infects 92 in one building.** Almost 100 people in one Hong Kong apartment block have been infected by a deadly pneumonia virus. Authorities quarantined more than 200 people in one block of the Amoy Gardens housing complex in an effort to contain the virus, which has killed nearly 60 people worldwide and spread alarm across Asia. About 210 of the 620 people infected with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in Hong Kong live in Amoy Gardens. **A further 92 people have now reported infected in the block, located in the midst of the teeming Kowloon district of the territory, one of the most densely-populated areas in the world. "We are now examining all possible angles, to see if it is airborne or in the (building's) water mains," a government spokeswoman said.**

Source: <http://www.itv.com/news/1875450.html>

14. *March 29, CNN* — **CDC: Mystery illness spreads more easily than first thought.** Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) which has sickened 1,550 people worldwide appears to spread more easily than was first thought, said Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Earlier this month, when cases of the mystery illness started appearing in North America, health officials thought it could be spread only by close, face-to-face contact, such as that which occurs between a doctor and a patient or among family members. "The potential for infecting large numbers of people is great," Gerberding told reporters Saturday. **Rapid spread throughout communities in Hong Kong and Vietnam suggests the infectious agent causing SARS might be airborne, meaning that the disease could spread even without face-to-face contact, Gerberding said. In addition, she said, the infectious agent might survive on inanimate objects, such as tabletops, infecting others that way.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/HEALTH/03/29/mystery.illness/index.html>

Government Sector

15. *March 31, The White House* — **President meets with Coast Guard in Philadelphia.** President Bush visited the Port of Philadelphia on Monday to meet with front-line Coast Guard personnel and discuss the vital role that they are playing in Operation Liberty Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the War on Terrorism. **The President announced that the Coast Guard will begin purchasing up to 700 new Response Boats to be used in its homeland security mission. These boats will begin deploying nationwide starting this summer.**

Source: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/03/20030331-1.h tml>

16. *March 31, U.S. Department of the Treasury* — **U.S. – UK extradition treaty and asset sharing agreement signed to enhance law enforcement efforts.** Attorney General John Ashcroft and Home Secretary of the United Kingdom David Blunkett on Monday signed a new bilateral extradition treaty and an agreement on asset forfeiture assistance and asset sharing to greatly enhance the fight against terrorism and transnational crime. **The two documents are aimed at promoting even greater cooperation between the United Kingdom and the United States in the area of law enforcement.** The new extradition treaty will give the two countries more flexibility to ensure that fugitive criminals can be brought to justice in either country. It covers criminal conduct, from white collar crime and fraud to organized crime, money laundering and terrorism. **The asset sharing agreement is designed to expand and enhance joint efforts to trace and confiscate the proceeds and instrumentalities of criminal activity. The agreement targets transnational criminal organizations that engage in drug trafficking, racketeering or acts of terrorism which threaten the safety and security of the two nations.** It allows the United States and United Kingdom to seize the money and other assets which allow these organizations to function and to carry out crimes.

Source: http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2003/March/03_ag_196.htm

17. *March 31, Associated Press* — **9/11 commission begins hearings in New York.** An independent commission appointed by President Bush opened a two-day hearing Monday to investigate why the nation was attacked on Sept. 11 and what can be done to prevent future attacks. **The purpose was to find out "why things happened and ... what could have been done to avert this tragedy,"** said Thomas Kean, chairman of the **National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.** On Monday, the commission was to hear from representatives of victims' families, and from the governor and the mayor. On Tuesday, Kean said, "people with particular experience in terrorism" will testify. The 10-member panel is assembling a staff of 50 to 60 people to help with its investigation and to draft a report by May 2004. **Its scope is broad, covering issues such as intelligence, law enforcement, diplomacy, aviation, the flow of assets to terrorist organizations and the U.S. government's response on the day of the attacks.**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A58659-2003Mar 31.html>

Emergency Services Sector

18. *March 28, Huron Plainsman* — **Daschle says some communities can get 'some' security funding.** Local governments could apply for federal grant funds to cover their costs of replacing emergency first responders who have been called to the war in legislation pending in Congress. **The "Securing America's First Emergency Responders Act," or SAFER, would provide opportunities for financial relief for the expenses of maintaining security, Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle said Thursday.** With several thousand South Dakotans called up in the war in Iraq, many governments have temporarily lost police officers, firefighters, rescue personnel and emergency medical technicians. "It's so important that to bolster our military capabilities that we use the National Guard and we use the reserves," Daschle said. "But what we've got to recognize is that there is a price," he said in a conference call. **Joining him on the call were Minnehaha County Sheriff Mike Milstead and Mitchell Assistant Police Chief Maj. Lyndon Overweg, who talked about how their departments have been impacted by the loss of officers.**

Source: <http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=7527094AG=461i=6>

19. *March 27, Federal Emergency Management Agency* — **FEMA releases \$87.1 million to help New York State. FEMA obligated an additional \$87.1 million to the state of New York to help the city of New York continue its long-term recovery from the World Trade Center (WTC) attack. With the new grants announced on Thursday, the total funding obligated through FEMA's Public Assistance program is \$2.24 billion. The total obligated FEMA dollars to date is \$5.85 billion.** "President Bush promised that rebuilding lower Manhattan would be a priority for the federal government," said Michael D. Brown, acting under secretary for the Emergency Preparedness and Response directorate of the Department of Homeland Security. "FEMA will continue to make good on that promise by working closely with the state and the city to fund these important projects." **The grantees in this round of federal funding include: New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) – \$56.80 million; New York City Police Department (NYPD) – \$19.17 million; New York City Fire Department (FDNY) – \$6.48 million; New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – \$2.57 million; and New York City Department of Business Services (DBS) – \$2.11 million.**

Source: <http://www.fema.gov/diz01/d1391n203.shtm>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

20. *March 28, IT Week* — **EU to unify e-crime rules. To deter online attacks, forthcoming regulations will require EU states to harmonize anti-hacking laws and hand out custodial sentences for serious offences.** The Council of the European Union has agreed a common approach for its forthcoming anti-hacking regulations, which member states must adopt into their national law by December 31, 2003. **The Council framework decision on attacks against information systems will require member states to make unauthorized access to computer systems a criminal offence.** Precise details of the framework and suggested penalties for offences have yet to be formally announced. However, the initial proposal of April

2002 called for a maximum penalty in serious cases of at least one year's imprisonment. According to the council, the lack of harmony in member states' laws make it difficult to tackle cross-border attacks, and could hamper investigations. **The framework is intended to improve cooperation between police and judicial systems during investigations, and to establish penalties across Europe to stop attackers.**

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/News/1139796>

21. *March 27, Government Computer News* — **Agencies are making progress in security, OMB says. The Office of Management and Budget gave a sneak preview today of its second annual report to Congress on the state of agencies' IT security.** "We made progress across the government," said Kamela White, a senior policy analyst in OMB's Information Policy and Technology Branch. But "in some cases, although the numbers are heading in the right direction, they are still low. There are hundreds of millions of dollars in IT investments that OMB considers at-risk if [their security] problems are not corrected by the end of the fiscal year." OMB may cut off funding for these programs. **The OMB report, due to Congress in several weeks, is required under the Government Information Security Reform Act, which was renewed last year by the Federal Information Security Management Act. The law requires agencies to report to OMB each year on the security and certification of critical IT systems. It also calls for agencies to integrate security spending into lifecycle planning for new systems.** White said most agencies spend 5 percent to 10 percent of their IT budgets on security. But "there is no relationship between the amount of money spent in IT security and performance," she said.

Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/21510-1.html

22. *March 27, Government Computer News* — **New task force will examine critical uses of supercomputing. The government is establishing a high-end computing revitalization task force aimed at improving research and development, accessibility and procurement of high-end systems.** William Turnbull, deputy CIO of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said **the effort will be guided by the National Science and Technology Council.** He spoke yesterday at the National High-Performance Computing and Communications Council's conference in Newport, R.I. The impetus for the task force comes from a paragraph in the Office of Management and Budget's Analytical Perspectives on the fiscal 2004 budget, Turnbull said. **"Due to its impact on a wide range of federal agency missions ranging from national security and defense to basic science, high-end computing—or supercomputing—capability is becoming increasingly critical,"** the document stated. Turnbull said he expects the task force's results to guide investments in hardware and research into better software for scientific simulations and other high-end computing efforts. For more information on the task force as it develops, visit www.itrd.gov/hecrtf-outreach/index.html.

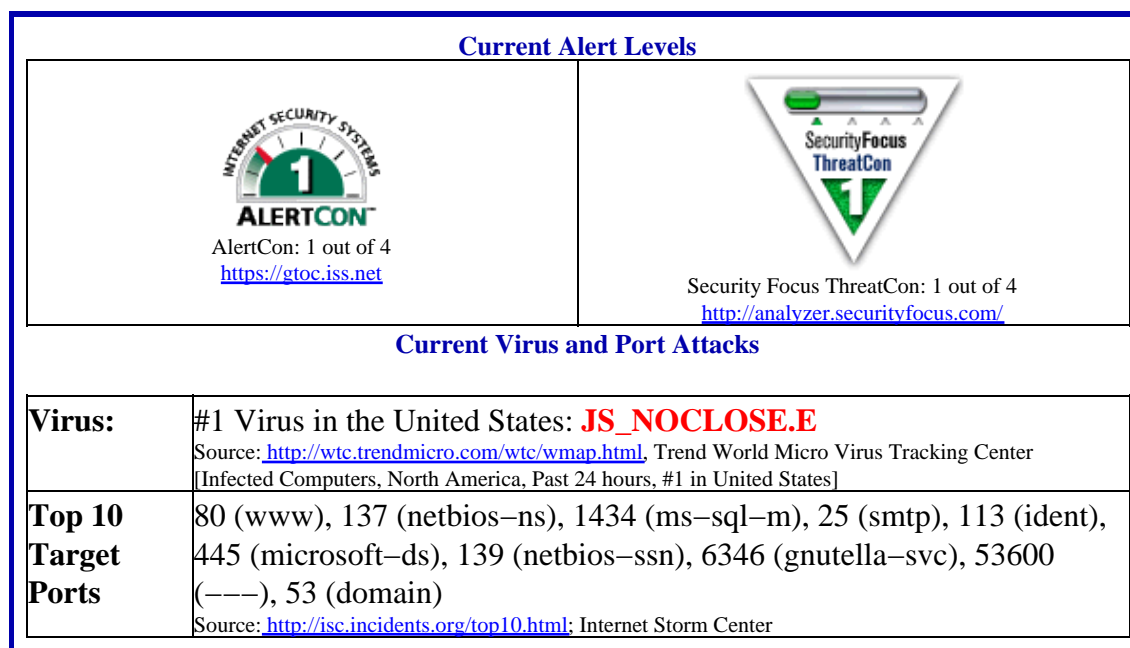
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23. *March 27, Government Computer News* — **Safety measures will be added to software improvement model. Federal officials are working to attach new safety and security practices to existing models to boost agencies' software capabilities—an important goal, considering current international hostilities,** a Defense Department executive said. "Recent events point out more and more that safety and security are not only good things, but things we have to do," said Joe Jarzombek, deputy director for software-intensive systems in the Defense

Systems Directorate of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense. The Army, Navy, NASA and Energy have joined the effort, and Jarzombek said federal agencies have asked companies to help as well. **The Integrity Assurance program will be included in version 2.0 of the FAA's integrated Capability Maturity Model and version 1.1 of the Capability Maturity Model Integration for systems and software engineering**, developed by the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University.

Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/21507-1.html

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General Sector

24. March 31, Reuters — **Italian police defuse bomb outside IBM offices.** Italian police defused a bomb outside the offices of U.S. computer giant IBM in Bologna on Monday, thwarting an attack which officials said was probably a protest against the U.S.-led war on Iraq. **"There have been no claims of responsibility but the facts speak for themselves, given the international situation, given the war,"** said Vincenzo Rossetto, head of Bologna's police department that deals with political security. Police said the bomb, hidden in a bag on the ramp leading up to the IBM (International Business Machines Corp.) building in the north Italian city, had been designed to explode overnight. They did not say why it had not detonated. Last week two cars belonging to U.S. military personnel from a base in northern Italy were blown up overnight by rudimentary bombs, but there were no injuries.
 Source: http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story2831/tc_nm/italy_bomb_ibm_dc

25. March 31, Boston Globe — **Suicide bomber strikes in Israel.** A Palestinian blew himself up outside a cafe in the Israeli coastal city of Netanya on Sunday, wounding dozens of people. The militant group Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing and called it "a gift"

to the Iraqi people. It was the first suicide bombing in Israel since the start of the US-led war on Iraq 11 days ago and the first time any Palestinian group has linked its struggle against Israel with the fighting in Iraq. The bomber yesterday, identified as a 19-year-old villager from near Tulkarm in the West Bank, crossed an outdoor mall in downtown Netanya just before 1 p.m. and headed for Cafe London, where a large lunch crowd had gathered. Several soldiers stood at the entrance and at least one apparently identified the approaching Palestinian as a suspect and tried to prevent him from entering. Instead, the bomber detonated his explosives on the sidewalk, wounding the soldiers and at least 50 others.

Source: http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/090/nation/Suicide_bomber_strikes_in_Israel+.shtml

26. *March 31, Associated Press* — **Pakistan to make al Qaeda a terror group.** Pakistan, a key partner in the U.S.-led war on terror, will declare al Qaeda a terrorist organization so it can prosecute low-level followers of the group, the interior minister said Monday. **Pakistan had not named al Qaeda a terrorist group previously because the shadowy organization is not based there. But many al Qaeda operatives are believed to be in Pakistan and the government wants to have the legal means to bring them and their supporters to court.** Interior Minister Faisal Saleh Hayyat announced the plan after returning from talks in France, Algeria and Egypt. He said France agreed to train Pakistani agents, and all three countries agreed to share intelligence with Pakistan.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A58098-2003Mar_31.html

27. *March 31, Boston Globe* — **Protests burden antiwar city.** The antiwar movement is increasingly unwelcome in San Francisco, a city that has long embraced free expression. Raucous protests against the war in Iraq are adding to the woes of a city already reeling from a faltering economy and record budget deficits, San Francisco officials said. **"It is one of the painful ironies of this war that one of the most antiwar cities in the nation . . . is being disproportionately harmed by the tactics of antiwar protesters,"** Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr. said. **In the first days of the war, 20,000 demonstrators took over intersections, blocked office buildings, and shuttered shops. The full economic impact of the demonstrations, which ended in 2,300 arrests over five days, may not be known for months. The tally could be \$5 million to \$10 million in direct expenses and lost revenue, Brown said earlier this week.** Much of the expense is from overtime for police and other city personnel responding to the throngs that created gridlock and, some say, tarnished the city's image. The ultimate financial impact "depends on the war and the tactics of the war protesters, but it's certainly going to be in the millions," said P. J. Johnston, the mayor's spokesman.

Source: http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/090/nation/Protests_burden_antiwar_city+.shtml

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